

Hi Eric,

Jan. 18, 2001

I hope this finds you and yours in good health and spirits. I haven't been following the weather so I don't know if winter has set in in earnest in your part of the country or not. Here the weather has turned to the chilly side. Day time temperature in the low 40's and the high in the low 40's as well. (at least there is a consistency)

I am curious as the measuring, weighing and general statistic building on the Berrian and its clip. I have as you know some extremely interested people who are making serious overtures on purchasing. I am reluctant to engage in the "closing process" of "go withs" partial trade, straight trade, trade and \$ or any combination, without the goods in hand.

Any arrangement of your schedule that would permit you to devote what ever time needed to complete your work would be appreciated, I know that I sent the scale and clip to you. because I know I didn't know what to do, let alone what to do it with. I am sure it is a task that takes time so what ever can be done to speed the process is good (for me).

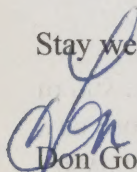
I have recently acquired the computer skill of going to the local library and attempting to write a letter. This is an example of my efforts. I keep wiping away the beads of perspiration from the tension of sitting in front of this "infernal machine" it is maddening. I don't know why its such a tension builder for me, I think that I hold the idea of crashing the unit. Of course the thought "I am too old for this crap" is never far from the surface of my thoughts.

I have not found anything of note lately, and when I looked into an advertising scheme I was shocked at the cost of a concerted program would be. I would not be able to afford to buy after paying for the advertising to drum up material....a conundrum.

I have recently taken a fancy to a small scale in the dental arena....a dental scale, alloy scale or amalgam scale rather small so simple as to make you want to shed tears, and not expensive at all (the best part). I have acquired 4 up to now and they are all the same item not the same brand, but the same style there must be more variation than what I have discovered, but I am just passing thru a fad so I will not devote too much energy to trying to understand the damn things.....oh well so much for the dilettante that I am.....

I hope to head to California next month for a week or three to see a daughter and to maybe even go warm my bones in Palm Springs for a day or two.....

Stay well.

  
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Thank you for your letter. I have weighed and measured the clip and will send a report as soon as I get a picture. I have been somewhat delayed by a problem with a grandchild. He is in the US Peace Corp in southern Paraguay (the third one of my gang to be in the Peace Corps). He had to carry 2 buckets of water one half mile four times each day from the river to his farm shack and then put in lye to clean it up. He paralyzed his arm due to the strain of carrying too much at a time. He came to St. Louis for treatment and now fortunately is restored and back in Paraguay with the natives who speak only Guarane. We were very concerned. Our family loves to do wild things. We have never been to Palm Springs as that is too comfortable. My wife always wants the best accomdation wherever we are so if we have to sleep in the desert next to a camel for sand protection she wants the camel which smells the least.

I was able to acquire a California gold miners' scale in beautiful condition (picture enclosed) but I need one in an oval box in any color as the oval one I have is rather beat up, Did you ever have these? Can you locate any? Have fun on your trip. Eric  
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I recently got hooked on the computer and this letter is written on it. You are too young not to latch on to this miracle. Get with it.